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1. On 5 December 1951 the Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) Government sent a group of 14 important military and administrative cadre members to Can Tho in South Vietnam to eliminate military and administrative confusion in the area.
2. The specific tasks of the mission were as follows:
 - a. Reorganization of the irregular units in the south, and elimination of all unreliable units thereby expanding these forces into a well organized regular army.
 - b. Supervision of the election and reorganization of Resistance and Administration Committees and provincial government committees in the south and formulation of working plans for them.
 - c. Establishment of organizations which would implement all laws and orders of the DRV and elimination of communication difficulties between the north and south.
 - d. Investigation of the food situation and other economic conditions in the south.
 - e. Planning the allocation of production for existing arsenals, small factories and rice polishing plants and the revision of production plans.
 - f. Consultation with war areas with the idea of expanding guerrilla warfare and improving military training.
3. One of the first observable effects of this meeting was the activation of three divisions for the VII, VIII and IX Interzones. On 15 December 1951 the 7, 8 and 9 Divisions were activated at My Long in Dich Thach (迪石) Province (sic)¹ at a formal ceremony during which Pham Ngoc Thuan, vice-chairman of the Southern Resistance and Administration Committee announced that organization of these divisions was a basic step toward increasing the military effort in the south during 1952.

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4. The 7 Division will be commanded by Lam My Nhu (林美如). It has a strength of 5,000 men and its equipment includes 1,600 type 38 (sic) rifles and three type 60 (sic) guns. The 8 Division will be commanded by Ngo Nong Vu (吳洪武) and will have a strength of 3,500 men equipped with 800 type 38 (sic) rifles and 300 rifles of other types. The 9 Division will be commanded by Phan Lap Ky. Its strength is 1,400 men equipped with 800 rifles of various types and 4 type 82 (sic) mortars.

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Comment. This is probably My Long (105-46, 10-21) in Sadec Province.

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